

**Rosa Scott High School
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Dear Families:

On Wednesday, October 14, 2020, our school will provide an opportunity for your son or daughter to take the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. This test will be given at Rosa Scott and there is not an option to take this test virtual. The PSAT/NMSQT:

- measures the reading, math, and writing skills needed for college (and for success in most jobs and careers in today's world). After the test, a score report will tell students how their skills are measured. Students can use it to find their "skill gaps" and then make plans to fill those gaps before college begins.
- gives students a chance to see how their skills compare with those of other students who will apply to college.
- is the first step, for juniors, in entering the National Merit Scholarship Corporation competitions for scholarships and recognition. All interested freshmen are encouraged to register and all accelerated freshman are strongly encouraged to take this test.
- provides practice for the upcoming SAT exams.
- allows students to predict their SAT scores in time to work on specific skills, and that work may raise their scores.

The Student Search Service gives PSAT/NMSQT test takers the option to voluntarily place their financial aid information from certified colleges, universities, and scholarship agencies.

Please encourage your son or daughter to take part in the PSAT/NMSQT Program on Wednesday, October 14, 2020, at 8:15. The fee for this administration of the PSAT is \$17.00. The deadline for registration is September 9, 2020. This is a short time to register, but there is a deadline with The Collegeboard.

Payment is on My School Bucks.

Even if your child is not considering college, he or she should take this test. Just taking it can encourage a student to start thinking seriously about life after high school, about goals, and about the education needed to reach those goals. The PSAT will be administered during the first two blocks on October 14. Students should report directly to their testing location at 8:15 a.m. on the morning of the test. Students are responsible for assignments missed in their regular classes during this time and are expected to see their teachers or the school website ahead of time in order to satisfy classroom requirements. To register you must complete your payment on My School Bucks. On the morning of the test each student must provide an email address that is not their school email to receive their score results.

Sincerely,

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